

A GREAT HONOR

Method of Drawing Name Under Selective Service Law Not Conspicuous or Old Drafting Method

Not since 1860 to 1865 has there been as much patriotism, excitement and anxiety regarding war, as has been "on" in Birmingham starting last Friday and all caused by the shooing of men to enter into war and fight for our country and Kaiserism to a finish. Birmingham and vicinity to a man at arms by the flag of militarism and freedom for the whole world, and will fight to a finish.

The Provost Marshal General has issued the following explanation of the drawing under the selective service law: Ten million men are registered—687,000 are needed in the first call. Who shall go first?

If we were dealing with the ancient draft, we should take every fourteenth man. But we are not conscripting. We are selecting for military service those whose civil service can best be spared. Therefore the question is not "Who shall go first?" but "Who shall be first called up for examination?" And what we must do is to make a list showing the order of examination.

Now, no one knows how many men must be examined to yield 687,000 soldiers. Therefore no one can say just how many men it is absolutely necessary to put on this list.

A moment's reflection will prove that the whole 10,000,000 must be given their places on the list of "order of examination."

Every registered man is in a state of uncertainty. He does not know when he will be called. He hesitates to plant a crop for fear he will not reap it. Employers hesitate to engage his services, fearing they will be but temporary. This condition ought to be cured for the repose of the public mind. It can be cured to some extent by putting every man on the list.

For this reason the whole 10,000,000 names are to be given places on the list of order of examination.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate military affairs committee and joint author of the draft law, who drew the second number for the selective draft, today issued the following statement:

"Everything went off with absolute precision, testifying to the care with which the admirable plans had been formulated by the president under the skillful management of Provost Marshal General Crowder. It will prove to the country that the selective draft plan for securing an army is the fairest that could have been devised, distributing the burden of the war so far as man-power is concerned, equitably, evenly and justly among all young men of the country between 21 and 30. Any other system would have taken only the willing, however injurious to the country it might have been to take them from the walk of industrial and business life and left the unwilling to take their places in every avocation."

"It is not a conscript system nor does it provide a conscript army. On the contrary everything draws ought to feel honored and I believe will feel honored that he has been selected to serve his country."

In Birmingham and vicinity as near as we can ascertain the following names will be the very first to present themselves before the Board of Examiners to see if they are fit.

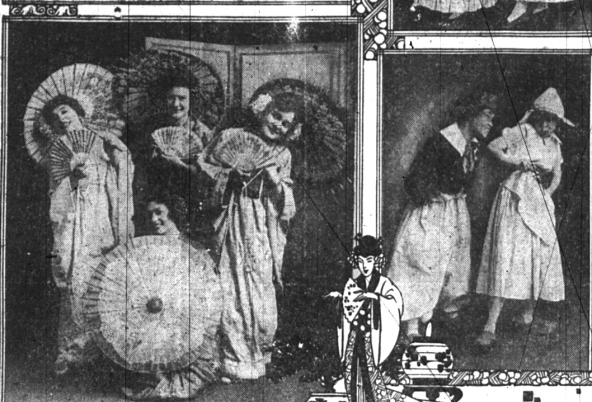
- Lester Orlo Purdy
- Sidney J. Warner
- Elmer William Haack
- Lewis Ross Kruger
- Willbur S. McAlpine
- See K. Bird
- Austin E. Ford
- Gerald Samuel Ford
- Alba Porteus
- Robert Neil Bossa
- Burt H. Howey
- Bert Milton Ford
- Robert W. Cassius
- William Hughson
- Earle W. Randall
- Howard W. Spitzer
- Aaron Levinson
- Howard Martin Masters
- Harry Nichols
- William Roy Deer
- Alvin E. Curran

According to the figures and quotas now available, the "first call" or 200 per cent of the quota for this district ends with the above. The draft includes all registered men, however, and those in the following lists are given in their order as they may be called to make up for errors above, the possibility that exemptions may exceed 100 per cent of the quota to be selected or for future calls.

- GROUP NO. 1
 - Alvin Ames Beardjian
 - Harold G. Ford
 - Stanley F. Graves
 - Colburn Deans
 - Frank B. Tanner, Jr.
 - H. Gillan Allen
 - Allie Leroy Curtis
- GROUP NO. 2
 - Charles Henschel Groves
 - William Lath
 - Roy Montgomery
 - George R. Anderson

Japanese, Dutch and Colonial Sketches

Merrilees Entertainers to Appear in Novel Musical Program on Opening Day of Our Chautauqua



Photos by Wallace, Chicago.

IMAGINE four charming and vivacious young women in Japanese costumes and carrying Japanese parasols and fans in a twenty minute musical sketch, filled with good music and a plentiful supply of humor.

Next think of these same young women in colonial dress, interpreting some of the songs and rhythmic steps of their grandmothers of the sixties.

Now imagine two of this same interesting quartet in the garb of Dutch youths, including the regulation wooden shoes, in a ten minute portrayal of the pastimes of Holland.

Add to these interesting features of their program a popular concert in evening dress—quartets, duets and solos, with one of their numbers in readings sparkling with wit and humor, and you have a picture of the program of the Merrilees.

Miss Gladys Uford, soprano, studied music in the Iowa State college. She also was the soloist in the College Glee club. She was a student of William Clare Hall of Chicago for three years.

Miss Lella White, soprano and reader, has specialized under Miss Minnie Mae Lewis of the Chicago Musical col-

lege in dramatic art and in voice training under Carl E. Graven, Chicago, for the past two years.

Miss Jessie White, contralto, received dramatic training in the Chicago Musical college and also studied voice under Carl E. Graven.

Miss Ruth Edwards, contralto, and the manager of the Merrilees company, is a graduate of Fairmount college, Wichita, Kan., with the degree of A. B. and was one of the soloists of the girls' glee club of that college.

For the past two years she has been a pupil of William Clare Hall of Chicago.

John Howard Goyves

Roy Robinson

Malcolm Alexander, Hant

Green Howard Birmingham

GROUP NO. 3

Harry Andrew Mudge

Jackson O. McLougall

Charles F. Sever

Raymond L. Swann

Ernest B. Davis

George N. Shattuck

GROUP NO. 4

John Percy Lina

Perry Jarvis Smith

Raymond Frederick Stampf

Earl Rex Whitten

Robert J. Ford

Vergil L. Lacroix

Jean Leslie Dever

Floyd A. Hant

Walter Howard Parmenter

GROUP NO. 5

Norman Shovan

Donald G. Dennison

Leonard James Spicer

GROUP NO. 6

Malvin J. Deer

Asher McClellan

Ernest E. Morrow

Carl Jacob Stumpf

James Stuart Oplyke

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OUR FIRST LETTER AT COUNTY COURT

Lloyd C. Peck, No. 334219, From England Writes the Eccentric a Good Letter. Read It.

Here is the first letter we have received from a real soldier. Our village boy enlisted in a Canadian Battalion some months ago, and is now drawing very near to the front. We wish him the best of luck, that he will acquire himself with credit we are sure. We hope he will return in good time all safe and sound and a veteran in warfare against Teuton Atrascry.

Whitley Camp, June 30, 1917.

Mr. Mitchell: Just a few lines to let you know I am still alive, and enjoying army life. I came over seas in April in the Strathmore C. F. A., then to the 8th Reserve. While there, was in one of the largest air raids that ever struck England.

On the evening of May 25, the war was a thing very beautiful in the west, the sky being of a golden color. I lay in my tent with North Star looking out of time, when we heard much buzzing in the air. I said to Rat, "I believe there is a raid on." We went out of our tents and saw the planes dropping bombs in the distance. It seemed like a Fourth of July celebration, until a few bombs began our our heads, all some of the hats went up in smoke.

When the raid was over I was about a mile and a half from camp, so you see I am a little better on my feet than last year. I have now enlisted in the 119th Algonia Battalion, am taking up machine gun course. We are going to France early next month and see the real stuff. Well I can't write all I would like to, but hope the war will soon end and the victory will be ours. Your friend, L. C. Peck.

Mloyd C. Peck, No. 331219, 119 Battalion, C. Coy, 10 Platoon, London, England, Arm. Post Office.

The chaplain with the Charlie Chaplin moustache is a case little case, but he has cobwebs in his garter.

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FROM WAR PREPAREDNESS BOARD.

Stop feeding troops.

This is the advice given to housewives and others, by a member of the War Preparedness Board. He believes that if it were observed to the fullest degree by those who habitually buy handouts, that there would be two big gains in state efficiency for war: able bodied living would be forced to work for a living and thus would help to solve the labor problem; and the food supply will be conserved.

At this time, when everybody is trying, or should be trying to help the country's cause in the war," he said, it is unfair that anyone should exist in selfish idleness.

Make the tiling loofer, if he is fed at all, give a rigorous return in labor for the food passed out to him. In practically every case where he professes to be unable to find work, refer him to the chief of police, his sheriff or other public official. There are plenty of jobs for every idle man.

There are plenty strong, husky men, wandering through the country begging. Some of them claim they cannot get employment. If they are sincere in desiring it, they can be accommodated; if they are not sincere an embargo on all such charity will result in driving them out of the state or into some useful employment.

The establishment of some sort of public labor at every county and city jail would also help to discourage the nomad who will not work.



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